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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING ARMS EXPORTS

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1. EXPORTS OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE GOVERNED BY ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES ACT (SINGAPORE STATUTES, CHAPTER 238). CONCERNED GOS AGENCIES ARE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IMPORT/EXPORT OFFICE OF AEPARTMENT OF TRADE, AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

2. FOLLOWING ARE STEPS REQUIRED OF FIRMS WISHING TO EXPORT FIRE-ARMS AND AMMUNITION:

(A) FIRM MUST POSSESS LICENSE TO DEAL IN FIREARMS, ISSUED BY OFFICER-IN -CHARGE OF ARMS & EXPLOSIVES DIVISION (OIC OF A & E) OF SINGAPORE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE THREE COMPANIES CURRENTLY HOLDING SUCH A LICENSE ARE LISTED IN PARA 6 REFTEL B.

(B) OUTWARD DECLARATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE STATING ITEMS TO BE EXPORTED.

(C) FIRM MUST THEN APPLY TO OIC OF A & E FOR A "LICENSE TO EXPORT ARMS." APPLICATION SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY IMPORT PERMIT FROM COUNTRY OF DESTINATION. A STATEMENT FROM THAT COUNTRY'S EMBASSY IN SINGAPORE STATING NO OBJECTION TO THE SHIPMENT WILL SUFFICE IF NO SUCH IMPORT PERMIT IS REQUIRED. COUNTRY OF DESTINATION IS NOT A CRITERION IN
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APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING LICENSE.

3. EXCEPT FOR THE LICENSE TO DEAL IN FIREARMS, THE ABOVE
LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ALSO APPLY TO INDIVIDUALS INTENDING
TO EXPORT FIREARMS.

4. THESE REGULATIONS AND THOSE DESCRIBED REFTEL B ONLY
ALLOW IMPORT/EXPORT BY PRIVATE FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS OF SMALL
ARMS FOR PROTECTION, SPORTING RIFLES, AND PISTOLS FOR
TARGET SHOOTING. TRADE IN MILITARY HARDWARE IS PROHIBITED,
EXCEPT BY ORDER OF GOS (E.G. BY MINDEF OR COMPANIES
ASSOCIATED WITH MINDEF).

5. REGULATIONS ON FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE STRICTLY
ENFORCED IN SINGAPORE, AND IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO
IMPORT OR EXPORT ARMS WITHOUT GOS KNOWLEDGE.
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